

Risen Christ



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 & 31 August 2025 - Year C

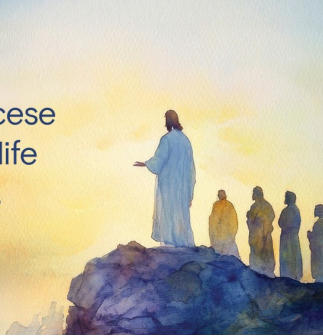
The Catholic Communities of Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham & St Francis Xavier, Montmorency



We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respect to the elders past, present and emerging.

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Gospel - Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'



Reflection

Break Open the Word 2025

Jesus' table fellowship is an important part of his message and ministry. Who is present and how Jesus interacts with them speaks volumes about Jesus' values and priorities. It helps shape our understanding of the 'great meal', his last Supper, and also of our celebration of the eucharistic meal which he commanded us to do in his memory.

At this meal, at the home of one of the religious leaders, they are watching one another closely. Jesus first offers a lesson in humility to the guests. At first sight it seems like a common-sense story of social etiquette. But the final saying points to something bigger. Jesus is speaking of the great 'reversal' at the banquet of heaven when the poor and the humble will be welcomed and the self-important will find themselves on the outer.

This message is further elaborated in Jesus' words to his host. Model your behaviour (and meals), he says, on the kingdom of God where a place is kept for the poor, the disadvantaged, the humble. He is rejecting the economy of mutual favours and affirming a hospitality of inclusive, self-giving love. How do we express the 'preferential option for the poor' in our celebration of Eucharist?

*This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.
We support the recommendations of the Royal Commission into institutional abuse and pray for all the survivors.*



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OUR PEOPLE & OUR CONTACT DETAILS



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RECONCILIATION

available half an hour before
any weekday or weekend Parish Mass.

Collections: 10 & 17 August 2025

		OLHC	SFX
Thanksgiving	Cash	\$392.00	\$857.00
	Electronic	\$3,220.67	\$3,653.50
Presbytery	Cash	\$1,055.20	\$912.15
	Electronic	\$50.00	\$130.00

Thanksgiving / Stewardship Offering

Month	OLHC	SFX	Total
May	\$6,846.67	\$7,868.50	\$14,715.17
June	\$7,561.67	\$10,092.50	\$17,654.17
July	\$5,586.47	\$8,151.50	\$13,737.97

Risen Christ Parish Calendar of Events

Saturday 30

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharist

Montmorency

Sunday 31

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Mass

Eltham

Tuesday 2 September

9:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Rosary

Montmorency

10:00am Craft Group

Montmorency

11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Eltham

2:00pm Bethany Small Church Community

Montmorency

Wednesday 3

6:30am Meditation

Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Eltham

1:00pm Kairos Small Church Community

Montmorency

Thursday 4

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Montmorency

10:30am ASRC Food Collection

Montmorency

2:30pm Meditation

Eltham

7:00pm Meditation

Eltham

Friday 5

9:30am Mass

Eltham

Saturday 6

12:00pm Baptisms: Ryan, Thomas

Montmorency

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists

Montmorency

Sunday 7

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharists

Eltham

Tuesday 9

9:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Rosary

Montmorency

7:00pm Jordan Small Church Community

Montmorency

Wednesday 10

6:30am Meditation

Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Eltham

Thursday 11

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Montmorency

Thanksgiving

Dear Parishioners,

Following is a list of ways in which you can give towards the running of our Parish (clockwise from top right):

A) scan the QR code (<https://bit.ly/45ifhRp>) & you can donate to any Parish finance campaign including Thanksgiving, Presbytery Offerings, baptisms etc.

B) cash/coins in the collection baskets at each church

C) EFTPOS terminals

D) thanksgiving envelopes

E) set up payments from credit/debit cards

Thank you for your generous support,
Michael





*Let us pray for all those who have gone
before us marked with the sign of faith ...*

For the recently **deceased**:

Victorian Policemen Neal Thompson & Vadim De Waart

Montmorency

For those in need of **healing**, remembering especially:

*Pat Hosmer, Siobhan Lappin, Frances McDonald, Jarrod Mizzi,
Cindy & Ed Morrissey, Regina Roszczenko (mother of Liz Gray),
Jeanne Vanderwert*

For those whose **anniversaries** are at this time:

Antonia Capuana (15th anniversary), John Elliott

Eltham

For those in need of **healing**, remembering especially:

*Stephen Andrew, Bill Boyce, Penny Boyce, Ruth Decker, Mary Luttick,
Bernard Murray, Audrey Tunks*

For those whose **anniversaries** are at this time:

Robert Lord

To include an anniversary please contact Parish Office
9435 4742 or RisenChrist.Parish@cam.org.au.



Congratulations to Caleb Emmy Allen who celebrates their
First Eucharist on **Saturday, 30th August, 2025**
at 6pm Mass at St Francis Xavier, Montmorency

Confirmation 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Thank you to those families who have completed the 2025 Parish Confirmation Enrolment Google Form (<https://bit.ly/3PJ9nkH>).
All children who are making their Confirmation this year are required to register via this form.

If you are still yet to complete this form, please do so ASAP, as the closing date for applications is Friday 12 September.
A reminder to also please email a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the Parish Office (risenchrist.parish@cam.org.au).

Caritas Australia: Gaza Pledge (closes this Sunday 31 August 2025)

By September 9, changes to registration processes for international NGOs threaten to drastically reduce the already insufficient flow of food, water, and medicine into Gaza.

While Caritas Australia's locally embedded partners remain unaffected, Caritas Australia has launched a pledge to acknowledge the devastating impact of any further reduction in aid to Gaza.

To learn more and sign the pledge: caritas.org.au/gaza

Support through signing and sharing the pledge - **closes this Sunday 31 August 2025.**



Roster for week ending 31 August 2025

Armstrong, Miranda	R10:00
Bacani, Brian	W6:00
Beckford, Peter	PRYR
Bowyer, Darrell	ASRC
Bowyer, Rosemary	ASRC
Capuana, Marisa	W6:00
Cseh, Ferenc	E10:00
Dopheide, Marlis	C10:00
French, Jossie	W8:30
Hall, Vali	ASE
Iliffe, Yvonne	E10:00
Lyons, Maria	H10:00
Northrop, Greg	E10:00
Reardon, Kathy	E10:00
Reardon, Peter	E10:00
Stewart Family	PRSE
Volunteers please	H10:00
Volunteers please	H10:00
Volunteers please	H10:00
Wood, Marie	W8:30

Roster for week ending 7 Sep 2025

Cotter, Anne	W8:30
Cseh, Nika	C10:00
Davidson, John	W8:30
Donnellan, Denice	E10:00
Dopheide, Marlis	E10:00
Drljo, Frank	CLNR
Dunell, Linda	ASE
Edwards, Elisabeth	E10:00
Hannon, Genni	ASRC
Hannon, Kevin	ASRC
Kenny, Michael	W6:00
Mallia, Anthony	E10:00
Maynes, Phil	W6:00
Nolan, Kathleen	PRYR
Roy, Yvonee	E10:00
Roy, Yvonee	H10:00
Stone, Nan	CLNR
Volunteer please	H10:00
Volunteer please	H10:00
Volunteer please	H10:00
Williams, Peter	R10:00
Wood, Marie	LoW-01 Thu
Zavadil Family	PRSE
Zerjal, Frida	CLNR

ASE = Altar Society @ Eltham;

C = Commentator;

CLKR = PowerPoint Clicker @ SFX;

CLNR = Cleaner @ SFX; **R** = Reader;

E = Eucharistic Minister;

H = Hospitality;

LoW-01 = Liturgy of the Word with Communion @ SFX;

PRSE = Pilgrim Rosary Statue @ Eltham;

M = Music; **W** = Minister of the Word

Risen Christ Parish

Discernment and Reflection Sessions

Bringing Our Pastoral Plan to Life

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in their midst'

Following the launch of our Pastoral Plan over the Pentecost weekend, we warmly invite all parishioners and friends to come together and explore how we can re-energise our wonderful communities.

This is not a time for commitment. It's an opportunity to:

- * Reflect on the five pillars of our Pastoral Plan
- * Share your ideas and gifts
- * Discover where you might like to become more involved.

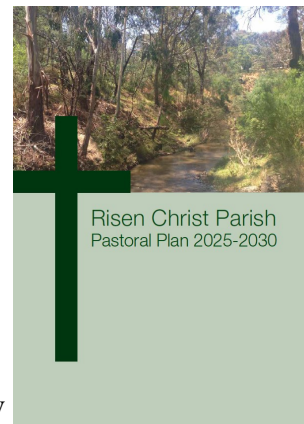
Session Times:

Evening Session: Wednesday 10th September, 7:00pm to 8:30pm,
Gathering Area, Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham

Daytime Session: Sunday 14th September, 1:00pm to 2:30pm,
Church Hall, St Francis Xavier, Montmorency

Facilitated by the Parish Pastoral Leadership Community

Come, be a part of shaping our future together as a community of faith.



Finance Meeting last Monday night

A special 'thank you' to the members of the parish who came out on a cold night to ask questions, hear from and simply support and show gratitude to the Risen Christ Finance Team.

With Chris Mullens as an apology, the gathered finance team consisted of: Peter Rigg, Graham Price, Brian Wordsworth, Vincent Cain and myself.

Many questions were raised for clarification and I just want to bring some of them to your attention as without explanation, confusion could arise and cause a lack of confidence!

One was the 'Touch, Tap and Go' machines and their reporting back to you, with regard to your Credit Card Details. We have 6 machines, originally purchased through CDF (Catholic Development Fund), 3 in each church, supplied by a company called 'Quest'. On your credit card statement they show St. Francis Xavier or Our Lady Help of Christians or Risen Christ Parish. Before the said monies all end up in our Risen Christ General Account, they have to go through NAB (National Australia Bank) to our account in CDF. Thus originally these machines had different names! We will try to simplify the names in the future, rest assured that all the 'Touch, Tap and Go' Machines are linked to Risen Christ General Account.

The 4 new Units built on the site of the old Eltham presbytery at a cost of \$3.4M was fully funded and paid for from our accounts held with VMCH (Villa Maria Catholic Homes) and substantially from our loan agreement from CDF until the unit residents could pay and occupy their new premises! So, to be clear, no funds from our parish 'Thanksgiving' or 'Stewardship' programs have ever been used to support this build. The finance team were at pains to make their case on this important question.

The funds to run Risen Christ Parish via 'Touch, Tap and Go', Credit Cards, the QR Codes to your mobile phones, (provided weekly in the Bulletin), the Thanksgiving and Stewardship Envelopes and Direct Debit contributions are all directed to the One General Account - Risen Christ Parish. And from your wonderful contributions and support we are able to do the following:

- Pay - Kate's Wage
- Pay - insurance - maintenance - local bills
- Pay - the Archdiocese levy
- Pay - photocopier, printing and magazine subscriptions
- Pay - Church bills - lighting/electricity/heating
- Support - local & overseas aid agencies
- Support - second and often third collections from ministries in the Archdiocese
- Support - Migrants and refugees - who call on us for aid
- Support - Volunteers with resources
- Support - Safeguarding initiatives within the parish

Yes, we are running a tight ship, very well I might add... But we can do so much more with your help and support. Our Parish vision, to be fair, has been small for 6 years. Thus a Stewardship Programme is needed to boost our reserves for future initiatives!

Finally, two more points that emerged from our time together on Monday night.

Firstly, was a strong commitment to communicate to the parish more regularly and after our November Stewardship programme, an annual report in March, each year! Just after our AFS (Annual Financial Statement) is submitted to the Archdiocese of Melbourne, and possible public meeting to follow.

Secondly, the locals present enjoyed the experience and knowledge shared by all the members of our finance team and I genuinely think were amazed with the long and outstanding contributions by the team's wonderful members, thus a BIG THANK YOU. Please continue to financially support your parish! Love & blessings, Michael

Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ likens the Church's focus on synodality to a pilgrimage, a spiritual and practical journey, with highs, lows and the need for perseverance.

The Undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops is on a fleeting visit to Australia, her first since last year's Synod on Synodality, to share the Church's vision for a future of listening and mutual cooperation between laity, clergy and bishops.

'Working at the Vatican - and this process - is already a pilgrimage; it's an adventure,' Sr Nathalie told a gathering of Archdiocese and parish representatives in Melbourne on Monday 25 August. 'And as you know, when you go on pilgrimage, there are beautiful days ... and sometimes you are tired, sometimes it's difficult. The synodal process is like this.'

This image of pilgrimage sets the tone for how she sees the Church: on the move, listening and learning as it goes. 'More and more, I realise, first of all, we are all deeply connected, and what we have in common is more important than our differences.'

Central to the synodal vision is what Sr Nathalie calls 'mutual interiority': where each part of the Church learns from the other, while maintaining its own identity. Importantly, it continues the moving away from a top-down approach - a movement that started with the Second Vatican Council and gathered pace in the Pope Francis era.

'It's not only about the Vatican giving something to the local churches, but it's really this exchange of gifts,' she says. 'When we go to the local churches, we receive a lot. We learn a lot. And when we come back to the Vatican, we bring that.'

Sr Nathalie points to Pope Leo XIV as a long time participant in the Church's journey towards synodality, taking part in the process when he was still a bishop in Peru. She says she can testify that he understands the need to engage with the world. 'When you meet him, you can really feel that he's a very deep listener, very rooted in spirituality.'

She says Pope Leo has prioritised the mission of peace, which she says is inextricably linked to the synodality of the Church. 'To serve peace, we need to foster unity and communion in the Church. And that's why he expressed we *want* to be a synodal church, because that's the way ... we can serve peace and foster peace-building.'

This link between peace-building and synodality has shown itself in concrete ways, Sr Nathalie says, sharing an example from the synodal process: 'At one moment, we had on the same table the bishop of Moscow, Russia, and one of the bishops of Ukraine. And they were able to experience together this mutual listening and dialogue.'

'Valuing the diversity of horizons is not only a gift for the Church, but it's already a gift for the world in these circumstances of today.'

As the first woman undersecretary of the General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops, Sr Nathalie knows firsthand how difficult it is to navigate a new path within the Church. But she says she doesn't feel she is doing it alone. 'We have different charisms, vocations, gifts, ... ministries, but we can only carry on the mission of the Church together.'

'Being a woman there, I feel very connected to many women all around the world, those before me who have been also involved in the Church. Of course, I'm a woman, I'm not a man. I'm a sister. But at the end, what I experienced through synodality is how we are all deeply, deeply rooted in the mystery of the Trinity.'

She calls synodality a 'prophetic voice for the world', as envisaged in the final document of the 2024 Synod Assembly in Rome, *Pathways for the Implementation Phase of the Synod*. It is an important document, Sr Nathalie says, that carries the weight of Church teaching. 'Pope Francis endorsed directly the final document of the synod. So now it's part of the ordinary Magisterium, and it is asked now to put it into practice, to implement those fruits with creativity, in the diversity of the context of the local churches.'

Sr Nathalie encourages Australian parishes to continue what they were one of the first to start - referring to the Australian Plenary Council being one of the first examples of a local church embracing the synodal method. One of the most practical and important ways for parishes to be more synodal is to 'walk with' the poor and marginalised, she said. 'In our parish or in our community, we have to go where they are, and I think especially in the Church, we have to partner with those who are already journeying with them.'

Her message is to live synodality through mutual respect and shared responsibility, dialogue and listening, because when we are genuinely walking together in the Spirit, everyone has something to say.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/synodality-session-with-sr-nathalie-with-pics>



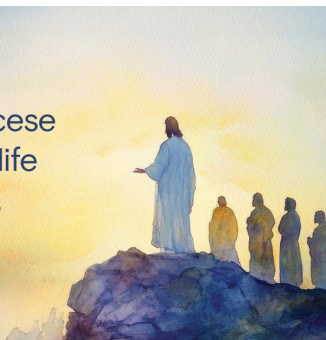
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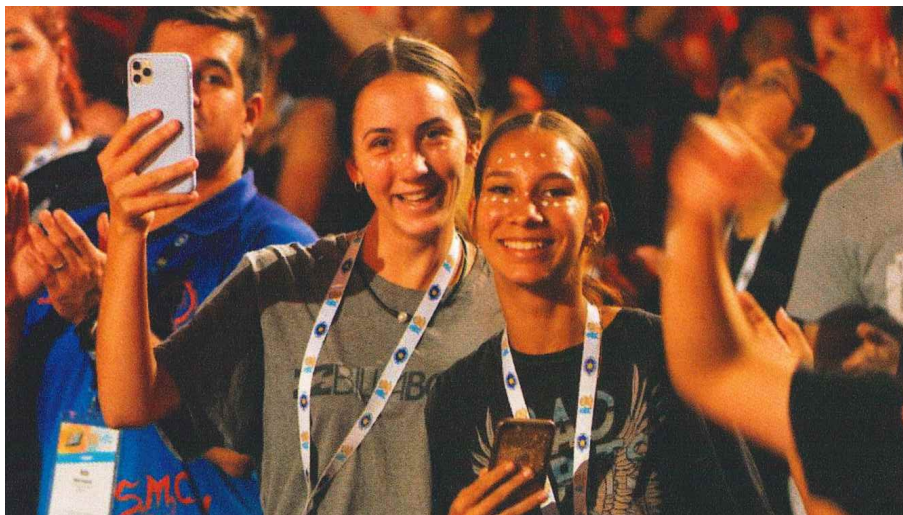
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ACYF: A chance for young people to encounter Jesus and each other

This year the Archdiocese of Melbourne will host the fifth Australia Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF). ACYF brings together young people from Year 9 through to 25 years of age and is about entering into a space where young people can encounter Jesus, says Festival Director Teresa Rhynehart. 'And it is a space for young people to encounter each other. Being able to gather together in community is a really powerful experience - to see that they are not alone.'

Taking place from 30 November to 2 December 2025, this year's festival will open with a special pilgrimage walk from St Patrick's Cathedral through Melbourne's CBD and along the banks of the Yarra River en route to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The festival will offer an experience of the sacred through liturgy, prayer and worship, music, workshops, keynote addresses and an expo/justice space that will feature the various ways that the life and mission of the church is at work in the world.



The joy of pursuing a priestly vocation

Rohan Prince is now in his second year of formation at Corpus Christi College, the diocesan seminary for Victoria and Tasmania, and is one of a growing number of young men responding to God's call.

At the heart of Rohan's formation is a desire to proclaim the Good News - not just in word, but also in action. He hopes, he says, to live out what he proclaims, so that the Gospel 'is not only something that you just hear, but also something that you do.' Recalling Pope Francis' view that priests should have 'the smell of the sheep', he believes it will be his role as a priest to 'be there among the people, feel the sufferings that they're going through and do my best to allow God to help them in that suffering.'

MOM: Reaching out to the world

Founded in 1968 by Cardinal James Knox, Melbourne Overseas Missions (MOM) is a humanitarian organisation of the Archdiocese of Melbourne that provides funding, material goods and volunteer personnel to partner Catholic dioceses and parishes in developing countries.

For many years, MOM has been supporting the Community of Notre Dame de Sion in the Old City in Jerusalem in their mission to educate local children from disadvantaged communities. Sr Trudy is part of the community



and recently wrote to MOM to thank the organisation for its continued prayers and support. After more than 18 months of war,

Sr Trudy said, some locals have become desperate. 'While the war continues no pilgrims are coming, and therefore most are unemployed.' They continue to 'hope and pray that a ceasefire will lead to a lasting peace in Gaza and the West Bank.'

'Thank you very much for this very generous donation, for which we are extremely grateful,' said Sr Trudy. 'Holidays have just started but by August the students all have to be registered and fees to be paid soon after that, so this is just a wonderful help. 'Again, one million thanks to you and all that MOM [does].'

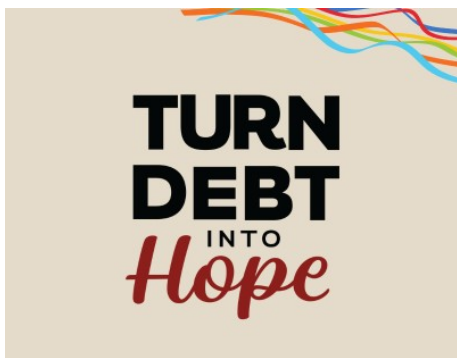
Right now the world is facing its worst debt crisis. Countries right around the globe - from Samoa to Malawi - are struggling under crushing debt. This problem has only been getting worse. This crisis is taking away hope, lives, and opportunity from the poorest people in the world.



Sign the petition

The petition is available in the foyer of the church today. You may take a form if you are able to get more signatures and return it to the box in the foyer in the coming weeks but by the end of September or mail it to caritas.

You can also sign online: <https://www.caritas.org.au/act/turn-debt-into-hope/petition/>



The **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign carries forward Pope Francis's call for us to mark the Jubilee year in the Catholic Church by addressing the debts of countries *"that are in no condition to repay the amount they owe."* Inspired by the Holy Father's message of solidarity, this global call advocates for debt justice and transformative financial reforms to bring renewed hope to communities burdened by unsustainable debt.

Today, more than 50 countries are facing a debt crisis, with many governments forced to spend more on debt repayments to private creditors than on schools, hospitals or protecting their communities from the worsening impacts of the climate emergency. In the face

of aid cuts and rising tariffs, which are deepening poverty and inequality in countries already burdened by unsustainable debt, the need for debt relief has never been more critical.

THE WORST DEBT CRISIS IN 30 YEARS

This Jubilee Year, we're taking action to bring **fairness and opportunity** to communities around the world.




THE NUMBERS SAY IT ALL



3.3 billion
live in countries
spending more
on debt than
healthcare or
education



50+ countries
face a
debt crisis



Developing
nations pay
12x higher
interest rates
than wealthy
ones

WHY WE NEED TO ACT?



The Global
South spends
12.5x more
on debt than
climate action



Wealthy countries
drive debt
but burden
the poorest



These systems
keep families
in **poverty** and
ignore their
needs

BE PART OF THE CHANGE

Sign our petition for debt justice

Spread the word using #TurnDebtIntoHope

Follow @iamcaritas to support the cause




"Hope should be granted to the billions of the poor who often lack the essentials of life... The goods of the Earth are not destined for a privileged few but for everyone."

– Pope Francis



POPE'S FIRST WORLD PEACE DAY MESSAGE DRAWS FROM HIS FIRST PUBLIC GREETING



Pope Leo XIV's first World Peace Day message will expand on the prayer he expressed the night of his election when addressing the crowds gathered

in St Peter's Square. Source: *OSV News*.

<https://cathnews.com/2025/08/27/popes-first-world-peace-day-message-draws-from-his-first-public-greeting/>

STORIES OF LABOUR EXPLOITATION A 'WAKE-UP CALL' FOR CATHOLIC ORGANISATIONS



Stories of labour exploitation obtained by Domus 8.7, the Australian Catholic Anti-slavery Network's modern slavery remediation service, feature in a new Property Council resource for the Australian construction sector.

<https://cathnews.com/2025/08/27/stories-of-labour-exploitation-a-wake-up-call-for-catholic-organisations/>

CARITAS CONDEMNS MAN-MADE FAMINE AND ASSAULT ON GAZA CITY



Caritas Internationalis has issued a statement on the famine in Gaza and attacks on Gaza City, saying it represents "a collapse of moral order, a failure of leadership, responsibility and humanity itself". Source: *The Southern Cross*.

<https://cathnews.com/2025/08/27/caritas-condemns-man-made-famine-and-assault-on-gaza-city/>

FESTIVAL PILGRIMS WILL 'CHOOSE THEIR OWN ADVENTURE'



It's full steam ahead to this year's Australian Catholic Youth Festival, with the event now less than 100 days out. Source: *Melbourne Catholic*.

<https://cathnews.com/2025/08/27/festival-pilgrims-will-choose-their-own-adventure/>

REFUGEE MENTORING PROGRAM PROVIDES PATHWAYS TO HEALTH CAREERS



A Calvary community initiative is helping people from refugee and asylum-seeker backgrounds gain valuable work experience in an Australian workplace.

<https://cathnews.com/2025/08/27/refugee-mentoring-program-provides-pathways-to-health-careers/>

CALLS TO TWEAK TAX RULES TO REDUCE NDIS COSTS AND GIVE PARTICIPANTS MORE OPTIONS



New tax rules could encourage more accommodation options for Australians living with a disability and reduce the cost of the National Disability

Insurance Scheme, according to a new report.

Source: *ABC News*.

<https://cathnews.com/2025/08/27/calls-to-tweak-tax-rules-to-reduce-ndis-costs-and-give->

See and listen

How often do we rush past people without really seeing them, and without listening to what they have to say? Captive to our own schedules and agendas, and blind to those whose experiences differ from our own, very often we completely miss the people God puts in our path, people whose perspectives and gifts might broaden and enrich our own.



This week, we were blessed by a fleeting visit from Sr Nathalie Berquart XMCJ, undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops, who shared with a group of Archdiocesan and parish leaders the transformative power of seeing every person, walking closely with each

other, and listening generously.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/synodality-session-with-sr-nathalie-with-pics>



We also joined a group of university students from Newman College as they accompanied volunteers from the Order of Malta on their nighttime rounds of our city's streets, offering warm coats, care parcels and, most importantly, the gift of their attention

to those who often remain invisible.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/coats-coke-and-an-eye-opening-dose-of-reality>



And as the Archbishop's Campaign continues, we hear from two residents and a nurse at George Maher House, one of the Archdiocese's residential homes for retired priests, about how old age and retirement - far from extinguishing a priest's gifts and

calling - can bring new insights and opportunities for service, as well as a well-deserved rest.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/a-community-of-care-supporting-melbournes-retired-priests>

MORE THAN 100 WORKSHOPS ON OFFER AT ACYF

It's full steam ahead to this year's Australian Catholic Youth Festival, with the event now less than 100 days out. Thousands of young people are expected to descend on Melbourne for the three-day festival, which will have more than 100 workshops on offer, so that pilgrims can 'choose their own adventure'.

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FORMING MINDS AND HEARTS: ALMOST 1,500 GATHER FOR AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN CAIRNS

More than 1,450 delegates from across Australia and overseas gathered in Cairns from 20 to 22 August for the 2025 Australian Catholic Education Conference, a triennial event exploring the future of Catholic education through the themes of faith, excellence and access.

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MAKING SAINTS: HOW DOES THE CANONIZATION PROCESS WORK?

As we look forward to the canonisations of Blesseds Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati on 7 September, we take a look at the history of sainthood and explain what has to happen for someone to be declared a saint in the Catholic Church.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/making-saints-how-does-the-canonisation-process-work>

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